

# INTRODUCTION FOR TLC STUDENTS

## COURSE GOAL

*Training Leaders of Cadets* is a curriculum for adults. Its primary goal is to prepare senior members to lead cadets and administer the Cadet Program at the squadron level.

## COURSE OBJECTIVES

To fulfill the course's overall goal, the curriculum is organized into three blocks of instruction and one final exercise:

### Strategic Perspective

The objective of the Strategic Perspective block of instruction is for each student to summarize the goals of the Cadet Program. This block's samples of behavior include:

- ▶ Explain how the Cadet Program's mission and program elements relate.
- ▶ Summarize statistical data about cadets and the Cadet Program.
- ▶ Discuss outcomes the Cadet Program achieves for America and the cadets themselves.

### Leading Cadets

The objective of the Leading Cadets block of instruction is for each student to discuss positive leadership approaches that develop youth. This block's samples of behavior include:

- ▶ Discuss issues affecting adolescent development.
- ▶ Describe indirect leadership techniques.
- ▶ Discuss how Core Values guide senior members and develop character in cadets.
- ▶ Discuss ways to partner with parents and address their concerns.

### Managing a Cadet Program

The objective of the Managing a Cadet Program block of instruction is for each student to comprehend management issues that affect a Cadet Program. This block's samples of behavior include:

- ▶ Outline the path of cadet progression and describe its key regulatory policies.
- ▶ Discuss how to create great meetings and cadet activities.
- ▶ Discuss the roles and responsibilities of cadet and senior staff.
- ▶ Describe positive approaches toward fulfilling the legal obligations required of leaders of cadets.

### Final Exercise

The objective of the final exercise, "Virtual Cadet Squadron," is for each student to apply their understanding of cadet leadership and program management. The exercise simulates the operational challenges encountered by leaders of cadet squadrons.